



## Marion R. Riley Obituary

September 4, 1925 - January 21, 2006

Marion Reames "Sissy" Riley, 80, of Albany, died Saturday, January 21, 2006 at her home following an illness. Her funeral service will be TUESDAY, 11 AM at Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Revs. Nancy Scarbrough, Nathan Godley, and Dr. Don Kea will officiate. A native and lifelong resident of Albany, she was a charter member of Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church. Sissy attended schools in Albany, and graduated from Albany High School in 1942. She was employed with and retired from the Health Department. She was a sustaining member of the Junior League of Albany. She was preceded in death by her husband: R. E. "Rat" Riley, and a son: Ed Martin Riley. Survivors include her son: Randall Earl "Randy" Riley, Jr., Niceville, FL; 2 daughters: Martha Glenn "Duster" Riley Burnett and Reames Riley Clanton, both of Albany; a sister Mary Martha Reames, Albany; 6 grandchildren: Mason Burnett Duffy, Britton Burnett, Brannon Burnett, Dr. Colin Clanton, Blake Clanton, Addie Camille Riley; 2 great-grandchildren: Berklie Duffy and Henley Duffy. The family will receive friends at 1406 8th. Ave. Those desiring may send memorials to the Albany Community Hospice, P.O. Box 1828, Albany, GA 31702, or to Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church 2200 Dawson Rd., Albany, GA 31707.

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“ *Mrs. Riley was such a special person. Both she and Ed have such a special place in my heart. I did not realize Mrs. Riley had left us until recently. I know she has a very special place in heaven.*

*Much love,  
Melanie*

**Melanie Farmer Batchelor** - November 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ I was so sorry to find this about Sissy today. My parents met the Rileys at the beach in the late 60's when I was just a baby. They became good friends and even though we lived in Marietta, they stayed in touch for a very long time. As a little girl I visited the family in Albany and remember having so much fun. It has been years since we have seen or spoken to anyone in the family but something made me think of them today so I decided to search the internet for contact information and found this sad news. I haven't seen Sissy since I was a little girl, but I have vivid memories of what a sweet lady she was. Tracy Taylor, Marietta , GA

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**Tracy Taylor** - August 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Martha Glenn, Reames, and Randy: Your Mom was one of the most incredible people that I have ever met. I remember so many wonderful times growing up and how much fun she was. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Rusty

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**Rusty Barto** - March 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I would like to send our sincerest sympathy to the family. Your mother and her beautiful smile are a big part of my memories growing up on 8th Avenue with the continuous football games in the front yard - and "big Sissy" blowing her horn down the entire block. Very, very special family...

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**Kay Hughey Dunn** - February 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I can't seem to find the words to express what's in my heart tonight. So, I'll make it simple. Sissy was an amazing woman, and I was so blessed to have known her. She will forever hold a special place in my heart and in my soul.

To her family, may God bless and give you peace.

With love, Sherri

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**Sherri Chapman** - January 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I just wanted to express my my best wishes and sympathy to the Riley Family for their loss. She was a wonderful person with a great personality. She will be missed not only by the Riley Family but by the many lives she touched as well.

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**Robert Goldsmith** - January 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Duster and family, I am so sorry to read online of the death of Miss Sissy. I had only met her a few times but she made such a big impression on people. I remember her as being so funny...just a "hoot!" Don't you know your Dad and Ed are having a blast with her right about now? I think about you Burnetts so much and hate I fell out of contact after moving to Atlanta back in 1989. I used to come over to your house a lot with Nick Soloman and remember that cute squirrel you guys used to have....even that it rode in a parade! You're special folk Duster and I would love to see you all soon. I just wanted y'all to know I'm thinking of you during this awful time in your lives. God bless y'all. Scott Segler, Lawrenceville, GA

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**Scott Segler** - January 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ A special note to "Duster" The boys and I know the pain you are going through...We will pray for you during your time of sorrow.

Karen Frakes - January 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ Memories of a wonderful lady from way back when!

Herb Courtenay - January 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ She was a gift. She never met a stranger and saw to it that you felt like family. The world is a little darker and sadder now but Heaven has an awesome addition. She will be greatly missed and will never be replaced.

Dorothy & Jimmy Knight - January 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Randy we are sorry to hear about your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.God Bless. Tom and Tracy

Tom and Tracy Murphy - January 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To Martha Glenn and family ... my sincere condolences.

Your mom was not only kind and sweet - she was FUN. Being a fun person makes a big impression on a kid, and she always made a big impression on me.

We all loved her and loved to be around her.

God bless.

Julie Purvis Montgomery - January 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Britton, Mason, & Brannon I am thinking of ya'll and I really miss ya'll. I wish I could be there for ya'll, I know how much heartbreak it is to lose a grandmother so close to you. Remember ya'll are in my prayers. Hope to see ya'll soon one day!

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**Tiffany Davis** - January 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Dutter, Randy, and Reames, You know how I feel about you and your family. We ARE family. Miss Sissy kissed me more than my mom did! She was an icon for me, and I know her passing will leave many, many people with the fondest memories. I was glad to bring mom down so we could see you all last Saturday. Remember the creek cabin, rides on Sarge, the walkie talkies going to the beach, eating many, many meals in your kitchen, ballgames at "Riley Field" and Albany High. My life has been blessed by Miss Sissy, Ed, Mr. Rat and all of you. May God continue to rain his love and grace on you. Love, Tommy

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**Tommy Stanbury** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Duster and family,

*I was so sorry to learn of Sissy's passing. I will always remember the first time I met her when Savannah was getting swimming lessons at her house. She was always so loving and caring over Savannah. She always had hugs and kisses to give to Savannah. God Blessed Sissy so that she could bless others. Know that her spirit will forever remain with you.*

*We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Deborah, Joe, Savannah, and Abigail Salter** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Duster, I am deeply saddened to learn of the loss of your mother. She was truly one of the greatest people I have ever known. Always remember that God chooses only the finest flowers for His heavenly garden. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Maria sends her love, too.

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**Sheila Hill Cooper** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Duster, Mason, Duffy, Britton, and Brannon - All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Branden Lane** - January 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I just read all of Sissy's tributes and am in tears at my desk. How truly blessed we were by her loving ways. I know how lucky you feel to have her as a Mamma. God Bless you all! Love you  
The Ramirez Family

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**Jean Ramirez** - January 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Martha Glenn, Randy and Reames: Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your families. We will always cherish the fond memories of Miss Sissy.

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**Bill, Emily and Will Turner** - January 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Randy, Reames, Martha Glenn:  
Sorry that I can't make it to Albany! I WILL ALWAYS CHARISH the  
times spent around "SISSY". She always had a KISS and a smile  
for everyone. I loved the football games in your frontyard,  
etc...everyone wanted to go the Riley's! I love you guys.....see ya.

Ken Wills

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Ken Wills - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HU

“ YA'LL I'M IN PASS CHRISTIAN,MS. VOLUNTEERING IN CLAIMS.  
YOU KNOW IF I COULD, I WOULD BE THERE. MISS RILEY WAS  
ALWAYS THERE FOR US. YA'LL ARE ABSOLUTELY ONE THE  
SWEETEST FAMILIES I'VE EVER KNOWN. THERE'S A SPECIAL  
PLACE IN HEAVEN FOR ALL OF YOU AND YOUR MOM AND  
DAD. NOW SIS IS WITH RAT AND THEY NOW WILL BE  
TOGETHER FOREVER. FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART MY  
PRAYERS ARE WITH YA'LL.

HUTCH

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HUTCH - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Mason, Britton, Duster and Brannon--I am so sorry to hear about  
Sissy. She was an awesome lady. Your family is in my thoughts and  
prayers. Take care and God bless yall! Love Yall-Marie

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Marie Harrell - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I am sorry that I cannot be there with the family at this time but want you to know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Lucian R. Lee - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Our Deepest Sympathy To The Family.  
Sissy Was A Dear Friend To All Of Us Here At Atlas Fence Company. She Could Walk Into Our Office At Any Given Time And Turn A Bad Day Into A Day Filled With Sunshine And Happiness. Sissy Would Not Stop Until Everyone In The Office Had Been Hugged And Kissed. She Was The Sweetest Person I Know. The World Could Use A Whole Lot More People Like Sissy Riley. We Will Miss Her Very Much.

Ricky, Teresa, Roy, Misty, Chris And Glenn - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To "Miss Sissy's" Family,

Your MOM was our favorite customer. Each month when I would schedule her appt. she would always tell me she loved me. Miss Sissy was always full of joy & she spread that around very well. We will miss her so very much.

Joey & I are praying for your entire family----God Bless & Comfort you all.

Joey & Connie Sims - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Duster, Randy, Reames and Family: I am saddened by the passing of your lovely mother and grandmother. But we can all rejoice that her love and kindness will live on through you, the grandchildren and many others who were touched by Sissy's loving embrace.

Jimmy Small - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Dear Martha Glenn and family,  
If there ever was a kinder and gentler person in this world it was Miss Sissy. She always had a knack for making you feel good no matter how afraid you were or how far down in the dumps you were. God bless all of you and know she'll be watching out for you during this time of sadness.

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**Frances Brown** - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Reames,  
Your Mom was *THE SWEETEST* person I've ever met! Always a smile and a kiss for those who met her. I will never forget Rex meeting her the first time because he wasn't use to or expecting the *SMACK* on the lips! But after that we all just knew --- that's Sissy. We loved her dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with *ALL* of the family.

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**Cindy Hasson** - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Martha Glenn, Randy and Reames: I was very sad to hear about your Mother. I saw your Mom in October and she looked great. As I reflect on the fond memories we had growing up, they will always be an important part of my life. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Landra Wills McCrary** - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ Sissy and I spent many a Sunday morning sitting together at church--she would save me a seat--She was a wonderful woman and loved by all who had the blessing of knowing her--Much love, Verna

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**Verna Hambley** - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Reames, Duster and entire Riley Family--Sissy will be missed and she will long be remembered! What a great lady! Love you, Debbie

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**Debbie Hambley** - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ I am one of the many lucky people to have known Sissy. I offer my deepest sympathy to the family. Sissy was truly an angel on earth and I am sure she brings her special "Good Morning darlin'" to heaven as well.

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**Nancy Standerfer** - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Big Sissy & Duster,  
I was so sad to see the obituary in the paper this morning. Little Sissy was a wonderful woman that never met a stranger. She showed so much kindness, love and courage during her life. Her death marks a passing of Albany history. May you be comforted by God during this time. Love, Rachel

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**Rachel Grace** - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Duster,  
*I was saddened to read today online of Sissy's death. I remember with fondness the times you and I had playing tennis. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. May God draw you into his sheltering arms.*

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**Paul McCorvey** - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Please accept my personal codolences,I was aquainted with Mrs. Sissy trough my mother Georgia Stephens and my job as Metered Services Mngr. @ WG&L. Mrs Sissy was a very happy person always a pleasure to speak with and I shall always remember her that way.*

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**Lee Stephens** - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Duster, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God's peace comfort you at this difficult time.*

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**Rita Brown Cline** - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Barbara & David Hicks** - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *What a Great Lady Ms. Sissy was! She is near and dear to our whole family. Always greating with a kiss and hug. We will cherish the memories that we shared with her and her whole family. Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. She will always be in our hearts as she will be in yours. May God comfort you in your time of loss.*

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**Ricky, Patti, Heather, Brandon & Clint Furney** - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ *Hello Reames. Thinking of you!*

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**Nancy Reimer** - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *I was so sad to see this in the paper. I have not seen Sissy in several years but I remember her with love and fondness. I used to work at Publix and she was a great customer and she always looked for me when she came it to shop and she always greeted me with a big hug. I always wished for and considered her an adopted grandmother and a friend. I am sure God has a special place for her up in heaven because she was such a sweet caring person.*

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**Sheila Hayes** - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Duster,a real friend,a wonderful Mother and a great Albanian has passed and I just wanted you to know how much Judy and I will miss her.*

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**Bill and Judy Landau** - January 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Reams  
we are sorry to hear about your mother.  
Bubber India & Spencer

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**Bubber Herrington** - January 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. Always a busy lady,,doing for others, but never to busy to take time for a smile / kind word and a hug. (and, yes, as she was mentioned as being the "kissing Aunt",,,,always a kiss on the cheek.) Ms Sissy will be missed and always remembered as a very special lady.

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**Johnny Farr** - January 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ May it comfort you to know that so many friends are remembering you at this time.

Sissy always had a beautiful smile and a kind word for everyone. I'll always remember her for how wonderful she was with her patients. Thinking of you during this time of loss. Charlotte

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**Charlotte W. Bedell** - January 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ I was so sorry to hear about Sissy. She was so sweet and I feel blessed to have known her. She had an extraordinary way of making people feel special.  
I remember the first time I met her(at a ballgame),I felt I had known her for years, you know that "warm" feeling you get with special people.  
I hope you know my thoughts and prayers are with you,the family.

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**Linda Johnson** - January 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Duster,  
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Sissy was a great woman!!! Her smile is going to be missed.  
Love ya,  
Annette

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**Annette Haggerty** - January 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Duster and Family. I know all of you will miss "Sissy" so much. She was such a loving and kind person. I will always remember her loving smile and her sweet hugs/kisses.

*Debbie, Haley and Lauren*

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**Debbie DeVane** - January 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ IN LIFE, IF WE ARE VERY LUCK WE HAVE SPECIAL PEOPLE TO REMEMBER AND MY FAMILY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER MRS RILEY AS A LIFE SAVER. WE WERE VERY LITTLE CHILDREN AT THE TIME I WE KNEW HER BUT I WILL NEVER FORGET HER COMING UP THE DRIVEWAY ONCE A MONTH TO GIVE US OUR SHOTS. OUR FATHER WAS AWAY AT A PLACE FOR TUBERCULOSIS(IN THE DAY WHEN YOU HAD TO BE PUT AWAY WHILE ILL). HE WAS GONE 2 YEARS AND FOR 2 YEARS WE HAD INJECTIONS SO WE COULD SEE HIM. MRS RILEY CAME AND I SCREAMED- SO AFRAID OF NEEDLES , BUT SHE NEVER GOT MAD OR AGGRAVATED- SHE BROUGHT ME THINGS AND GAVE ME PEACE. AS A CHILD, I REMEMBER HER WELL AND MY MOTHER REMEMBERS HER GOODNESS AND COMPASSION FOR HELPING US IN THAT WAY. THANK YOU TO HER FAMILY FOR SHARING HER WITH US- IT MADE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR LIVES, FOREVER.  
LISA BARFIELD HUNT, NELL BARFIELD

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**THE BARFIELD FAMILY** - January 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Duster and Family,*  
*God could not have put a sweeter person on earth than you mother Miss Sissy. She will be forever in my heart I know and when I think of her there will also come a smile to go with those wonderful memories of her.*  
*Must love to you and your family,*  
*Diane*

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**Diane Urick Slomka** - January 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Aunt Marion, I will always remember you as my "kissing aunt". You always had a "kiss" for friends and family. You always had a smile to give away to others.

*Love always,*

*Becky Hayes*

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**Becky Hayes** - January 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM